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SUBJECT: POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS WALKOUT

1. PRESS IN PAST FEW DAYS HAS REPORTED THAT STUDENTS AT A NUMBER OF NIGERIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES PLANNED AND HAVE EXECUTED BOYCOTT OF CLASSES OVER GOVERNMENT DECISION TO INTRODUCE ONE-DEGREE TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN PLACE OF OLD SETUP IN WHICH OND AND HND DEGREES WERE AWARDED. (OND DEGREE APPARENTLY GRANTED AFTER TWO YEARS CLASSWORK WITH ONE YEAR PRACTICAL TRAINING; HND GRANTED AFTER 3 OR 4 YEARS CLASSROOM WORK AND ONE YEAR PRACTICAL TRAINING.)

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH HEAD OF KADUNA POLYTECHNIC BUSINESS SCHOOL LAST WEEK I ENQUIRED MERITS OF STUDENT DISSATISFACTION WITH NEW POLICY. HE REPLIED THAT STUDENTS WERE BASICALLY CORRECT IN OPPOSING NEW SYSTEM POINTING OUT THAT FUTURE STUDENTS EARNING A DEGREE, AT BEST, WOULD BE QUALIFIED AT LEVEL NO HIGHER THAN OND GRADUATES OF TODAY. ELIMINATION OF HND PROGRAMS INEVITABLY WOULD LOWER DEGREE OF TECHNICAL COMPETENCE ENTERING JOB MARKET AT TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING GREAT CONCERN OVER LACK OF COMPETENT TECHNICAL MANPOWER. HE SAID DECISION ON NEW

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POLICY WAS EXTREMELY SHORT-SIGHTED AND, IN VIEW OR SEPARATE MID-LEVEL TECHNICAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS NIGERIA HAD ENTERED INTO WITH NUMBER OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING US), WHOLE SITUATION WAS JUST ANOTHER INDICATION THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NO COHERENT EDUCATION POLICY.

3. COMMENTS: SOURCE, US TRAINED PH.D., IS ONE OF

BRIGHTEST, YOUNG BUT EXPERIENCED NIGERIANS IN KADUNA.
IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE DESPITE SENTIMENTS HE EXPRESSED
IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, THAT, ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 2
NEW NIGERIAN, IN CAPACITY OF ACTING RECTOR (PRINCIPAL)
KADUNA POLYTECH, HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT STUDENTS WHO
DO NOT REPORT FOR CLASSES BEFORE NOON OF DECEMBER 5
WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING WITHDRAWN AND WILL NOT
BE RE-ADMITTED TO POLYTECH.
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